(c) whether it is a fact that excluded drugs have much wider usage, as compared to the included drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that Hydrocortisone have been excluded;

(e) whether this have beeen done to help the multinationals; and

(f) if so, what steps are being contemplated to fix the responsibility and punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No drugs are purchased under National Programme for Control of Blindness by the Government of India.

(c) Use of the drugs depends upon the disease, its stage and severity and the judgement of treating physician.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

[illegible] in categorisotion of drugs

[illegible] HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1960 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made to the Department of Chemicals by the Director General of Health Services in June, 1988 alongwith the names of drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received representations from consumers' associations and Members of Parliament in respect of anomalies in categorisation of category I drugs, as well as non-inclusion of certain diseases;

(c) whether these representations were considered by DGHS before sending the additional recommendations;

(d) if so, what are tne details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that due, to incomplete list of categorisation of drugs, the prices of all excluded medicines have gone up; and

(f) if so, what measures Govt. propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Recommendations were made to Department of Chemicals in June, 1988 for exclusion of Paracetamol from Cat. I and for exclusion of Diazepam and other transquillizers from Cat. II of the DPCO, 1987. Representations received in this regard were examined by the Director General of Health Services before the recommendations were made.

(e) and (f) Any undue rise in price is monitored by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Inclusion of drugs under category I

4217. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1059 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent the supplementary list of drugs needed for diseases under National Health Programme;

(b) if so, when and what are the names of drugs recommended for inclusion under Category-I;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is purchasing Iron Tablets, Folic Acid Tablets, Vitamin A Solution Triple antigen for control of diseases under Nation Health Programme;

(d) whether use in National Health Programmes is one of the criteria for identification for inlusion in the Category-I; if so, whether his Ministry has recommended these drugs for inclusion;

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and